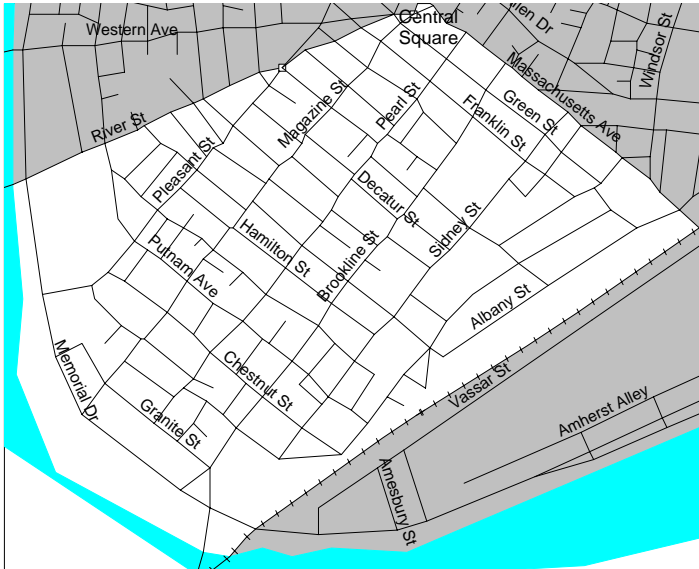
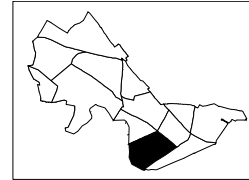


NEIGHBORHOOD 5 CAMBRIDGEPORT



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, the B&A railroad, the Charles River, and River Street

POPULATION: 10,052 residents
4,203 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$28,466

Neighborhood #5 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officers) and Car 5R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 5A, 5B, and Central 12.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2000 - 2004

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	43	56	65	52	68
Street Robbery	27	28	15	39	43
Auto Theft	64	80	56	69	56
Larceny from MVs	89	103	76	80	94
Malicious Destruction	97	113	141	142	148
Drug	25	12	14	16	19

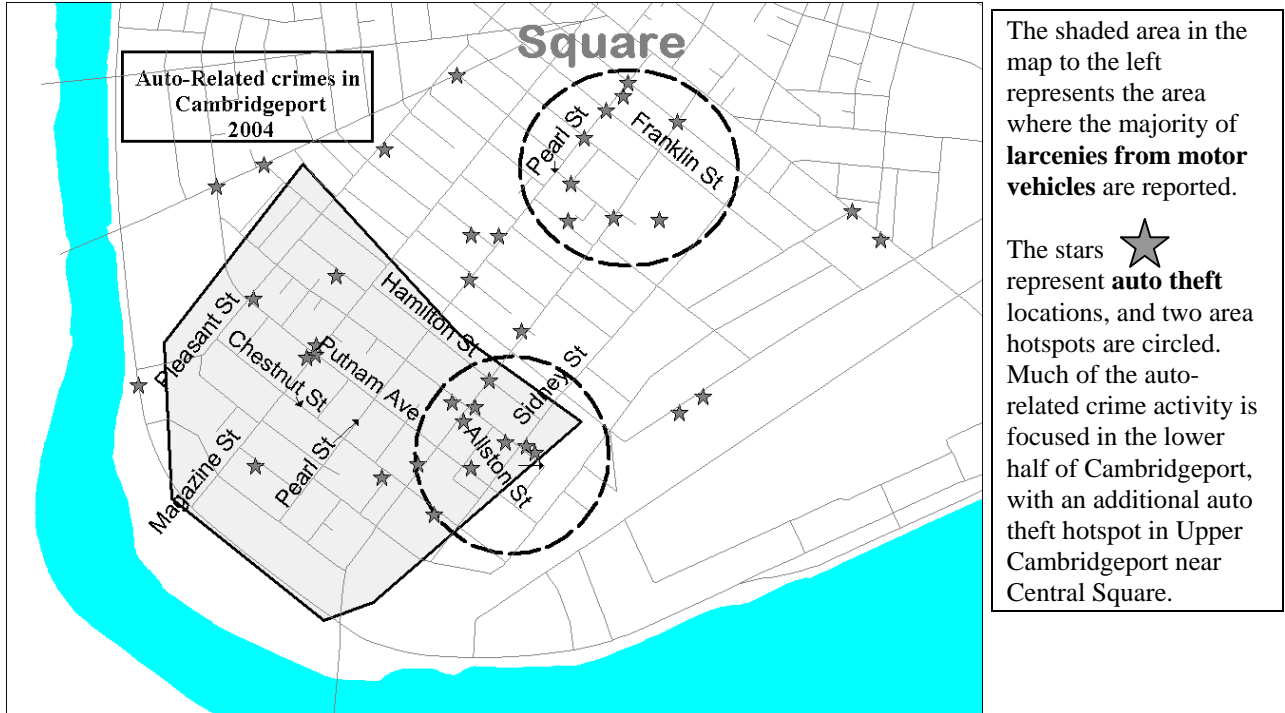
2004 YEAR END REVIEW

- Cambridgeport experienced the third highest number of **housebreaks** in 2004 in the City, and saw a 30% increase over last year. The beginning of the year saw a higher than average number of housebreaks, but no clear patterns developed. However, toward the end of the year, the number of housebreaks rose sharply and two distinct patterns developed. While the area averages approximately 10 housebreaks per month, it was hit with over 30 between November and early December. Much of this activity was reported along Putnam Ave and Pearl and Magazine Streets. One pattern developed along the border of lower Riverside, and consisted of late morning breaks with entry being gained through windows. The second pattern also had a daytime, late morning to early afternoon timeframe, with laptops being the main target. Two key arrests in late December and January 2005 helped police bring these patterns to an end.

- Cambridgeport reported the highest number of **street robberies** in the City, with a 10% increase over 2003 and a 60% increase over the 2000 total. Early in the year, a street robbery pattern occurred which spanned approximately 4 weeks between March and April. There were 5 incidents (and an additional one in Riverside) in which women walking alone were the most common targets. This pattern dissipated with the arrest of a key individual who may have been involved in a number of the incidents. In November, a pattern formed where 2-3 suspects targeted males walking home from the train station between 5 and 6 p.m., and

between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. A number of arrests made in these incidents, ending the pattern in early December, are attributed to an informed and timely police undercover response.

- Cambridgeport recorded an 18% decrease in **auto theft** this year compared to 2003, and a 12% decrease overall since 2000. The majority of activity was reported along Allston, Pearl and Brookline Streets and Putnam Ave. Friday and Saturday nights saw the bulk of the thefts. Hondas represented 25% of the thefts; this is not surprising given that Hondas are the most commonly stolen cars city- and nationwide. Nearly 50% of the cars have been recovered as of the time of this report.



- As evidenced in the map above, the majority of **larceny from motor vehicle (LMV)** activity is reported in the lower half of Cambridgeport. More LMV activity is reported in Cambridgeport than in any other Cambridge neighborhood, and this includes a 17% increase over last year. Thirteen incidents involved the theft of a part of the exterior of the motor vehicle itself, most commonly tires and headlights. The theft of Audi and Acura headlights has been an ongoing issue throughout the City and four incidents of this type were reported in Cambridgeport. Nearly 16% of the incidents have been possible due to car owners leaving their cars unlocked.

- The number of **malicious destruction** incidents reported has remained relatively steady over the past few years but is up 53% over the 2000 totals. The most commonly reported types of destruction incidents in Cambridgeport are tire slashings and window smashings, comprising half of the reports. Many incidents were reported throughout the year along Brookline, Chalk and Erie Streets, as well as Kelly and Pleasant Streets. A spree of incidents all occurring in a short time span was reported in September along Fairmont Street. Nine people complained that their car tires had been slashed sometime overnight.

- Approximately 15% of the **drug arrests** in the City in 2004 took place in Cambridgeport. The majority of arrests were for marijuana possession or sales. There were three heroin-related arrests and four cocaine related arrests. The remainder of arrests were for illegal prescription drug use.

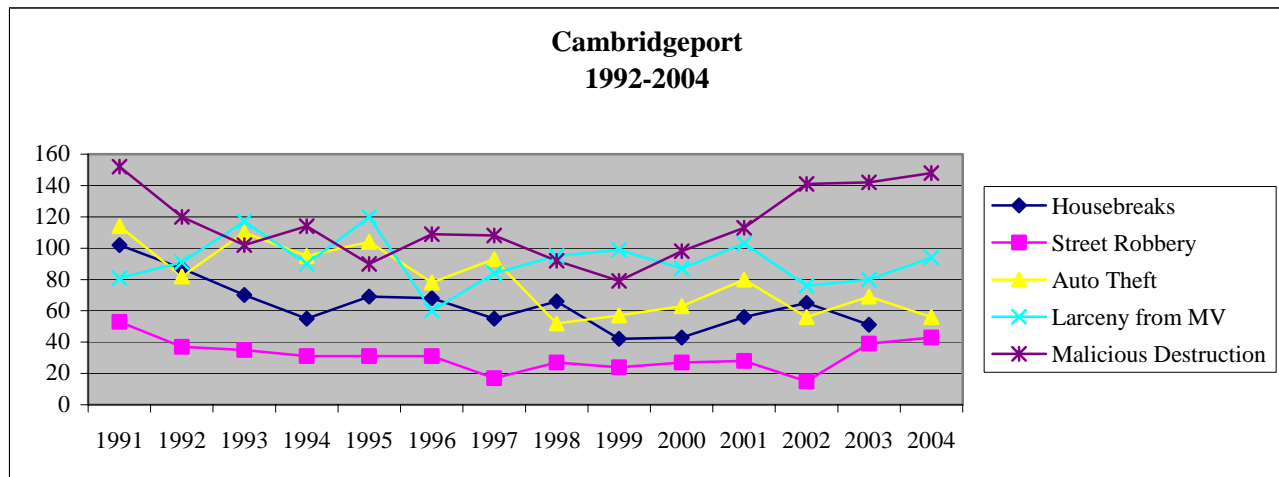
ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGEPORT AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1992-2003	Rank '92-'03*	Rank 2004*
Housebreaks	156	2	61	2	3
Street Robbery	57	2	29	2	1
Auto Theft	165	1	78	1	2
Larceny from MVs	126	4	92	3	1
Malicious Destruction	106	6	109	2	1

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridgeport has the fifth highest residential population of the city's neighborhoods. It is characterized by several large apartment buildings as well as many one, two, and three family houses. The neighborhood is bordered by a string of retail stores, hotels, and restaurants on Memorial Drive, River Street, and Massachusetts Avenue.

- **Street robberies** have long been the most serious crime problem in Cambridgeport. As with Area 4, Cambridgeport's street robberies tend to concentrate near Massachusetts Avenue and Central Square. They are often predatory, and are usually committed after 9:00 at night on weekends.
- **Housebreaks**, usually higher than average in Cambridgeport, have declined significantly since the 1980s. The average number of housebreaks since 1991 is half of the 1980s average. And they have declined another 30 percent since 1991. Cambridgeport's housebreak rate can be attributed to its large, densely packed residential population.
- Cambridgeport has continually experienced the highest rate of **auto theft** since the 1980s.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** usually registers high in Cambridgeport.
- The homeless shelter on Albany Street is often a scene for **street robbery** and **aggravated assault** between its patrons.



2003 YEAR END REVIEW

While the beginning of 2003 saw a decrease in the number of **housebreaks** compared to the same time last year, the incidents drastically increased in the third and fourth quarters, particularly taking place on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the daytime. Areas of repeat offenses included the 0 to 200 blocks of Pearl Street, 0 to 100 blocks of Kelly Road and the 0 to 200 blocks of Brookline Street. Approximately 44% of the housebreaks in Cambridgeport occurred between September and December, although no significant patterns emerged during that time. • The number of **street robberies** rose sharply in 2003 compared to the previous decade. During the first quarter, the robberies were concentrated in the afternoon hours and in the area of the 500 block of Massachusetts Avenue. Over the summer, robberies were prominent in the area of Brookline, Chestnut and Magazine Streets between 11pm and 3am from Fridays to Saturdays. Many of the robbery incidents in Cambridgeport involved the threat of the use of weapons, primarily guns and knives. • **Auto thefts** were highest during the summer, concentrated on Fridays through Sundays. Areas of multiple thefts have been the 100 to 200 blocks of Brookline Street and around the 800 block of Memorial Drive. • **Larcenies from motor vehicles** peaked in the second quarter; in late April, seven parked Honda Accords and Civics were broken into and car stereos were targeted. The end of 2003 saw multiple incidents on Memorial Drive, Putnam Ave and Pearl St. • A notable rash of **malicious destruction of property** incidents took place in early January, when multiple cars were shot at with BB pellets, breaking windows and windshields. Once again, the 700 to 800 blocks of Memorial Drive incurred repeat incidents as well as the 300 to 400 blocks of Massachusetts Avenue. • Of the 16 **drug arrests** since the beginning of the year, five were the result of Special Investigations Unit activity. Most arrests involved the possession and/or use of marijuana. The areas near Magazine and River Streets were repeat locations.